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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

Christmas, its significance and all those rites attending its observance this year, should have a special importance to people of the United States this year. We are upborne on the wings of a new prosperity, a prosperity that is due to wars in Europe and in Asia. The United States, unhappily, is the arsenal and the treasury of the oppressed and those who are victims of transgression. We say unhappily in its material asuects, for it is founded in the material ruin of friendly peoples who in other years have sung Yuletide Hosannahs with us.

We are a polyglot people. Our ancestors are English, French, German, Norse, and a dozen other nationalities and races. Each one of these integral parts of our nation has enriched the common bloodstream. The folk lore, the music, the art, the ways of our living are derived from many sources leaving us debtors in perpetuity to all that is fine and ennobling among earth's children. As such debtors we should be the first to seek the causes of world dissention, and to assume that leadership which we believe will be universally accorded us, to establish a just peace when this war ends, a peace in which all nations shall be permitted to work and live according to principles in international relations which govern in our own republic.

We suggest that we think about the peace that shall follow this war, now, so that when the war ends we shall have some firm convictions about what the peace shall be. We should do it now before our own blood has been spilt in the cause of democracy and before our judgment of the ultimate good has been clouded by the immediate evil.

Of one thing we have become convinced, convinced against our will. We believe the primary cause of wars is the monopolization of materials by groups or by nations. Tarriff barriers have protected a way of living, a priviliged way of living among a few groups within a few nations which have resulted in high standards for a relative few and low standards for the relative many.

We believe that the fruits of the earth and its resources should be made available to all peoples on equal terms. Until this is done we shall have wars for conquest. There will always be the "haves", and the "have nots". The latter will fight rather than pay the tribute the "haves" impose on raw materials, even though fighting costs more than the duties imposed.

We are well aware that this is heresy to Conservative Democrats and Republicans. We have by import tariffs fostered in the United States a standard of living far superior to that of any other nation. We are not convinced at this momen that we need altruistically to surrender this standard, but we are convinced that if we desire universal peace we must take steps to raise the standard of living in other nations by making raw materials as free to foreign nations as they are to us. Food is a raw material and we submit as a matter of justice that that certainly should be available to all peoples of earth on equal terms. Some parts of the globe are richer than others in those things necessary to human living. This is due to the beneficence of the creator rather than to the virtue of the people who happen to dwell in the particular region.

The discontent from which wars arise is due, in the last analysis, to imposts levied by fortunate nations upon materials, or natural resour-

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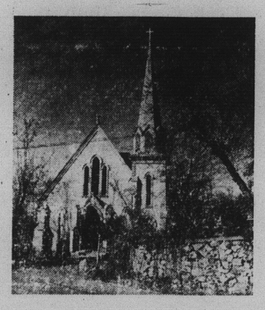
Christmas Songs And Messages In The Churches

Trinity Celebrates 86th Christmas

For more than four score years, the people of Nevada City have gathered together upon the Feast of the Nativity to worship the new born Christ. Throughout the years, historic Trinity Church has been a rendezvous for the lovers of Christ. Every Christmas the citizenry have climbed Aristocracy Hill in rain, snow, or sunshine to worship at the old altar.

Trinity Church was built by big men who lived here almost a century ago. The church herself is a large church, and its steeple reaches



up to the heavens. The rugged cross which topped the steeple and symbolized the faith of the people was only recently replaced by a new cross. The old cross served for almost a century.

In their worship in their churches here in Nevada City, the citizens have shown obedient and reverent trust, personal devotion to the Christ, and the demand for the practice of intelligent good-will between their fellowmen.

The Altar Guild of Trinity Parish has prepared the altar and the church for the Christmas services. The ten o'clock candelight service upon Christmas Eve will be a festive occasion when each person will receive a light for his or her candle which will have been passed from the central candle upon the altar, which is the Christ's Candle. In this way, each one will symbolically have the light of Christ flaming upon the candle in his hand.

Upon Christmas Day all the communicants of Trinity Church make their communion at the ten o'clock Eucharistic Service. They invite all baptized Christians to make their communion upon this occasion.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Cendlelight Service 10 p. m. Christmas Day Festival Service with Holy Eucharist 10 a. m. (All confirmed Episcopaleans must make their communion on Christmas Day unless ill. All other baptized Christians are invited to make their communion with us).

H. THOMAS PATEMAN, Rector.

Gregorian Chant at Midnight Mass

In St. Canice Church there will be a midnight mass on Christmas Eve, and the singing of the old Gregorian chants of the Nativity. On Christmas Day there will be an early mass at 8 o'clock, and at 10 o'clock the usual Christmas mass and recital. There will be no mass on Christmas night. Father Williams will celebrate Christmas in Downieville at nine o'clock on Christmas day.

OPEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glennon will hold open house Christmas at their new seven room stucco home on Sacramento Street. The prominent local couple invite their friends and those interested in inspecting the new home to call between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on Christmas Day.

Off To South America—

Roman Rozynski is leaving for South America immediately after Christmas to be assistant master mechanic in a large mining company in Ecuador.

Christmas Message

By the REV. DAVID RALSTON

Was there ever a time in human history when the world needed the Christmas spirit, its cheer, its joy, its goodwill and eternal love? We think not. Here are some of the sublimest words ever written by any man: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". These words were written by that unflinching, courageous and warm hearted John the disciple of Christ. In his first letter and very first verse he comes with a flash and establishes the Divinity of our Lord with these words "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God" There is no addition or substraction needed here. John has put the whole thing in a nut shell. This sends shafts of light into a pagan world and lays a foundation upon which men can build for time and eternity. We have modern doubting Thomases. We have the critical and cynical minds which think that this is old fashioned and not worthy of consideration by expert minds. This Christmas story is passe. Some of us arrived at the place long ago where we just got in step with the Wise Men from the East guided by God Almighty and with them we stopped at the Manager and worshipped the Babe of Bethlehem. The greatest blessings which have ever come to you and me have come from above and not from the earth.

I think we ought to make a new Christmas Carol out of John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" I wish that carol were set to music so we might sing it, and sing it un-

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Nugget Staff To Enjoy Christmas

There will be no issue of the Nevada City Nugget on Thursday, the day following Christmas. Members of the Nugget staff will celebrate this holiday with the rest of the community. The editor desires to extend to all patrons, subscribers and advertisers, wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MINE SUIT ENDS AFTER WEEKS OF TESTIMONY

The trial of the suit of the Empire-Star Mines, Ltd., against Cooley Butler and Wallace Butler, operators of the Golden Center and Scotia Mines in Grass Valley, came to a close last Thursday afternoon after four weeks of testimony.

Superior Judge Warren Steel of Yuba County, who presided, ordered the case submitted on briefs.

Both sides presented expert testimony during the four weeks hearing, some from witnesses outstanding in the gold mining world. Counsel on both sides were considered among the best legal mining talent in the United States.

In the suit the Empire-Star Mines accused the Golden Center management of using unlawfully the facilities of the Pennsylvania Mine, a property of the Empire-Star, to dewater the Golden Center's underground workings.

The Empire Star interests charged holes drilled from the Golden Center into the workings of the underlapping Pennsylvania caused water from the upper mine to flow into the lower, necessitating an expense for extra pumping.

Here For Holidays—

Virginia Carney, a student at the Sacramento Junior College, is visiting with her mother here during the holidays. During the holiday season she will be employed at Colley's Confectionery.

THE STAR ABOVE

The pathways of life are shadowed,
But a star is shining through
And the Yulteide Spirit is singing
A song that is brave and true;
A song of love and beauty,
Which the children delight to sing,
When the Christmas trees are lighted
And the bells of Christmas ring.

Yes, many paths are darkened,
As we hail the Holy Night
With music and kindly greetings
And brightly gleaming lights;
And our hearts are touched by the sorrows
Of those in lands afar,
Who, is secret wait for the message
And the promise of one fair star.

May we send this Yuletide message
To those whose lives are drear,
Light is stronger than darkness
And courage is greater than fear;
And the world is struggling upward
Toward the heights it will surely win,
Leaving behind its burdens
Of hatred and sorrow and sin.

These are the dreams we cherish
And this is the faith we hold,
As we listen with hearts enraptured
To the beautiful story of old;
May those who are now in bondage
Look up through their bitter tears,
And keep with courage undaunted
Their tryst with the coming years.

Peace to the stricken nations,
Peace to the land we love,
With the Spirit of Yuletide to guide us
And the star of hope above.

—A. MERRRIAM CONNER.

Bonus Checks Bring Christmas Happiness To Two Thousand Miners

This is the day of Christmas bonuses. More than 2000 miners will receive their Christmas gifts from the stockholders and managements of the big mining companies by nightfall. It is also payday for practically all the mines, and total checks to mine workers within the county are today expected to exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

The Idaho Maryland bonus checks to its 960 employes ranged from $10 to $50 depending upon length of service with the company.

The Newmont company is paying all employes $25 each or a total of approximately $25,000. This includes the Zeibright, Murchie, Empire-Star, and Pennsylvania.

The Lava Cap paid its bonus last Friday, graduated according to length of service of each employe. The total amount was in excess of $6,000. Lava Cap miners worked yesterday, Sunday, in order to enjoy a double holiday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Underground Radio Broadcast Will Be Heard Tomorrow Night

The Christmas carol broadcast from the 2,000 foot level at the Idaho-Maryland Mine by the California-Cornish Gold Mining Singers and the Grass Valley Christmas Carol Choir will be heard tomorow night between 6 and 6:30 over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting system.

Approximately 50 singers are to participate in the program. The broadcast was made possible by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, who appropriated $200 for the purpose.

MAJOR BARROWS DEFINES LIMITS OF U. S. DEFENSE

BERKELEY, Dec. 23.—The question of what may be adequate and inadequate American defensive forces rests upon the future organization of the continent of Europe and the Far East, says Dr. David P. Barrows, University of California professor of political science. Dr. Barrows is a retired major general in the United States Army.

"In both Europe and the Far East war is being conducted to liquidate all balance of power and create in each area a somewhat new type of empire, each under the hegemony of an aggressive and military nation," Dr. Barrows said.

"Throughout American history this country has singularly benefited by the former European balance of power and by the predominance of British naval power, both in Europe and in the Far East. The existing threat to the future of both of these advantages is the element that gives great uncertainty to the question of adequate American armament.

"If the United States is committed under any circumstances to the defense of the western hemisphere, it is obvious that this defense should be pushed to as great a distance from the territory and waters of the western world as is practicable.

"This means either the acquisition by the United States of naval bases that are strictly not American at all, or the ability to deny such bases, from which the western hemisphere could be attacked at disadvantage, to any power whose strength and aggressive policy appear to threaten American independence. To put it in anothe way, the west coast of Africa and the Far Eastern archipelagoes are involved in the defense of the Americas."

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sarah Thayer is confined to a pay ward in the county hospital. She was taken to the hospital Friday by the Holmes ambulance service.

Mrs. Harry Evans, 85, well known resident of this city, was treated at the Miners Hospital here for a right shoulder injury, suffered in a fall at her home. Mrs. Evans was taken to the hospital and back to her home by the Holmes ambulance service.

STORM BRINGS TOTAL OF 9.89 INCHES OF RAIN

The present storm has brought a total of 9.89 inches of rain according to the rain gauge of Mrs. Jennie Preston. It began on December 16 with .39 inches, December 17, 1.59 inches fell, December 18, 1.75 inches, December 19, .71 inches, December 21, 1.10 inches, and December 22, 2.80 inches. The total in the last 24 hours amounts to 1.55 inches. So far as could be learned this morning, damage due to the storm has been slight.

Steel Door Closes; Narrows Dam Filling

Water of the Yuba River began backing up behind the Upper Narrow Dam, near Smartville, Friday, and spreading out into basins prepared for it after a steel door was shut in the bottom of the new $4,500,000 river barrier.

If the Yuba river flow is heavy the dam is expected to spill within ten days. The dam's height is 262 feet. It is 1200 feet long.

Federal engineers estimate $600,000,000 worth of gold lies waiting to be washed out of the gravel banks in the hydraulic mining district the debris dam will serve.

EXPORTS 1917, HORSES, MULES; 1940 AIRPLANES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23. — Suggestive of the faster pace at which the world is traveling, in 1914-15, the first dramatic increase in America's exports to belligerent Europe was in horses and mules while today it is airplanes.

So said Dr. Melville H. Walker, lecturer in economics on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, who declared America's economy is already a wartime economy and will become more so during the next two years.

"If there were those who believed that the effects of the neutrality legislation would be to insulate American economy from wartime dislocation, they are now proved mistaken," said Dr. Walker. "Just as the first World War resulted in an American economy geared to wartime demands, even prior to our entrance into the conflict, so in the present situation has our foreign commerce been affected."

In the present situation, he pointed out, the pace has been accelerated. Government controls existing today in the belligerent countries have resulted in a more sharply altered demand for products. Government controls are in existence in the United States or are coming into existence to redirect the course of our trade.

"Important wartime industries such as the chemical industry were nonexistant in 1914, are well developed today, thus speeding our economic participation," said the University of California economist.

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Is There A Santa Claus?

(An Editorial by Francis P. Church reprinted from the "New York Sun," September 21,1897.)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street
New York City

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existance. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah. Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Stockholders In Civilization

"All men are stockholders in our civilization," writes Robert G. Sproul, president of the University of California, in the current issue of The Rotarian magazine. "Whatever we have been able to learn of Nature's secrets comes to us as a dividend from Civilization, Inc. Whatever more we are able to bequeath will come from Civilization, Inc.

The assets of this mammoth corporation we call Civilization, Dr. Sproul points out, are far more than tangible factories and buildings, or even than books and libraries and schools. They are the faiths of our people. Thus it is more than ever necessary to husband them with the same care any other corporation lavishes on its assets, so that they are not wasted, nor paid out in unearned dividends.

Progress for our common venture is not inevitable, the educator says. There have been periods when the graph of "business" has descended. Today the assets on the balance sheet of Civilization are, perhaps, the highet yet offered to the stockholders—which are ourselves—but the very values which are our best possessions may be perverted, as some are being, to destroy the values themselves. Yet, quoting Thomas Mann:

"The essential man is not the creature who hurls down bombs on children, but the mind that devised the flying machine, the seeker and builder, not the destroyer."

That the faiths and beliefs that are the chief asset of Civilization, Inc., are in danger is the concern of all of us, as stockholders in the enterprise, Dr. Sproul reminds us. "Today there is in our world a powerful doctrine that such concepts are the spawn of a decaying liberalism. Thus we have the spectacle of governments not believing what other governments say," he writes. The great hope for the maintainence of our common values is the renewal of the ancient, deep-seated faiths, and a "dynamic faith in truth and in man." This is what has builded Civilization once; if need be, it can do so again.

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Economy Continues

On the fifth day of November, 1940—a little more than a month ago, now—the people of California went to the polls and by their votes declared that they were through with unsound State government. By returning the so-called economy bloc to Sacramento without regard to partisan politics, the people made it plain that they wanted economy, efficiency, and sanity in government to continue.

Efficiency and economy in government began, of course, because of a group of men. These men were in the state Legislature; they were representatives of their various districts, and they believed that the people of their districts had had enough, as they themselves had had enough, of squandermania. Out of their number, they selected a presiding officer, and under that presiding officer they preserved the state from a continuing financial debauch that could lead to but one place and that place bankruptcy.

One of the most important parts of that program and one which resulted in the greatest economy was the Legislature's insistence that the administration of relief be efficient. To that end, the Legislature established monthly maximums, beyond which the relief spending could not go. One of the reasons for the Legislature's session this month was to provide sufficient funds to carry relief on through until the next regular session, in January, but what did the Legislature find when it got to Sacramento? It found that the director of state relief had so efficiently performed his task that no further funds were needed, and that he had actually saved money for the state by not using funds up to the maximum provided.

And what has happened to that state relief director? He has been fired by the Governor of the State of California. And why? Because, apparently, he discharged some supernumeraries around the relief administration for whom no use could be found.

The Governor has seen by the elections that the people themselves wand the end of squandermania. How can he be so blind as to discharge a man for efficiency? How can he fail to see that the people of California want honesty, sincerity, efficiency, and economy in their state government?

—Contributed

COURT CALENDAR

The following decisions were made by Superior Judge George L. Jones on matters coming before him last Friday, regular law calendar day:

Estates of David E. Matteson and Hattie F. Legg, deceased. Inheritance tax appraisers reports approved as rendered.

Estate of Jake Zanocco, deceased. First account approved as rendered.

Guardianship of Mary Ellen Crase Sodja, incompetent. Third annual account approved as rendered.

Estate of Eliza Ann Mitchell, deceased. Testimony taken and further hearing continued to Jan. 3, 1941.

Estate of Celita Washburn, deceased. Final account approved and estate distributed as prayed for.

William D. vs. Louise Teeple, Motion for change of venue continued to Jan. 3, 1941.

Lucile Cicogni vs. Peggie Cicogni; Ethel Irene Garnier vs. Ray Garnier, Lulu Hickam vs. Larry Hickam; Hearings continued to Jan. 3, 1941.

G. E. Marquis vs. L. A. Morrison. Demurrer and motion to dissolve attachment submitted.

Hills Flat Lumber Co. vs. E. O. Berger et ux. Trial set for January 10, 1941.

Alpha Stores Ltd. vs. Johanna Burton. Trial set for Jan. 22, 1941.

Velma Nickel vs. John J. Looser. Trial set for Jan. 28, 1941.

Mary Louise Hansen vs. Iver Claud Hansen. Ordered that plaintiff pay $40 per month to plaintiff and $50 attorney fees.

Matter of estate of Harry Lloyd, deceased. Petition to establish death submitted.

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EXPLAINS SPEED LAW CHANGES NOW PROPOSED

Proposed changes in speed regulations have been generally misunderstood accord to P. H. Ducker, chairman of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Motor Vehicle Legislation. This committee is made up of state enforcement officials and representatives of many civic organizations throughout the state interested in motor vehicle legislation.

The committee has definitely proposed retention of the present 25 and 45 mile per hour prima facie limits as the basic speed regulation in the state.

All members of the committee, as well as citizens generally, recognize that prevailing speed on desert highways and many state highways ranges between 50 and 60 miles per hour. The committee has suggested that legislation authorize the state department of Public Works after traffic survey and investigation to zone and signpost open stretches of highways for speeds in excess of 45, but in no event exceeding 60 miles per hour.

It is further suggested that the State Department of Public Works be authorized to rezone present 25 mile per hour districts for higher speeds where the latter are customary and would be reasonable and safe.

Further, it is proposed that the state department be authorized to reduce the 45 mile limit upon curves and where there is a short 45 mile district between residential or business districts.

The committee recognizes that it is impossible by blanket state law to establish exact uniform limits that are entirely reasonable and appripriate under all conditions of traffic. The speeds proposal for zoning is to permit the signing of highways for speeds within the limits mentioned that are suitable to the particular conditions. If such zoned speeds are found to be unsafe, they can be reduced by administering action.

Reference in the committe deliberations to a speed of 65 miles per hour has also been misunderstood. During many years the California law has prescribed a 45 mile per hour prima facie limitation. In laymen's language this means that any motorist traveling in excess of 45 miles per hour must assume the burden thathis peed was reasonable and prudent at the time and place. The majority of courts have applied said limit rather strictly. During the past year several courts have given the prima facie principle a very liberal application. In several instances charges against motorists have been dismissed for speeds of 70 and 75 miles per hour.

The Advisory Committee is strongly opposed to such speeds and has suggested that the law declare a maximum speed which shall not in any event be more than 65 miles per hour at any time or place or under any conditions. It is suggested that such top speed, to be determined by the legislature, shall be an absolute maximum.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Legislative Motor Vehicle Interim Committee, consisting of three senators and six assemblymen, who will further study and pass upon proposed revision of the speed regulations before the same are submitted to the legislature in January.

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Bloomfield Road Through Washington Closed To Motorists

Forest Supervisor Ellis of the Tahoe National Forest announced today that through traffic from Bloomfield to Washington was no longer possible due to the necessity of removing the old bridge spanning Poorman's Creek. This bridge was recently dismantled and removed by the forest service due to its unsafe condition. The new steel bridge crossing Poorman's Creek has recently been completed by the forest service but is not, as yet, useable due to the approaches not being complete. Weather conditions make is impossible to do any work on the approaches this winter, but they will be completed as early in the spring as it is possible to ge there to do the work. Road closure signs have been posted on both ends of the road advising travelers of the impossibility of through travel.

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SNOWBOUND CHRISTMAS

By CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assignment and bring back a report.

The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath—

"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?"

"Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas.

It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door.

"A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other, then they cheered.

"Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!!"

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53 Sundays in Year

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Old-Time New Year Serious

Oldtime New England was serious on New Year's, as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Fainting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions and objections: As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

Chinese New Year's Greeting

The Chinese New Year's greeting is "Sui-hi," or "May joy be yours."

Twice a week the Nevada City Nugget comes at $2.50 a year.

Winter Drives Deer To Lower Elevations To Slaughter By Speeding Automobiles

Four deer in two nights.

That is the toll taken by automobiles on highways in this vicinity. Game Warden Earl Hiscox said that within recent weeks an average of one deer per day has been killed by automobiles. The deer are taken to the county hospital here, where the meat is served to the patrents.

Hiscox said a little care by motorists would prevent the wholesale slaughter of the deer. He said by dimming lights when they (the lights) strike a deer and by bringing cars to a stop the killing of deer can practically be eliminated.

Dangerous To Motorists

The striking of the deer with automobiles can also be dangerous to the occupants of the machine, Hiscox stated. In most instances when deer have been hit the radiators and fenders are severely damaged.

The game warden said most of the deer killed are old does and yearlings. The storms and cold weather are driving the deer to lower elevations and the animals are continually crossing the highways.

Hiscox said a lot of deer are killed and never reported. Most of them are hit on the Tahoe-Ukiah Highway between the Five Mile House of Nevada City and Bear Valley, near Emigrant Gap.

You Bet School Presented Yule Program Friday

The pupils of the You Bet School presented a Christmas program at the school house Friday night, marking the close of classes for the Christmas holidays.

The program, arranged by Mrs. Margaret Melton, teacher, was as follows:

Song—Have You Heard?. School.

Recitation—Christmas Stocking. Jerrold Brady.

Recitation—Getting Ready for Christmas. Eloise Johnson.

Dialogue — The Greatest Gift. School.

Recitation — Letter From Santa. Marie Casner.

Recitation—Christmas Bells. Bobby Casner.

Recitation—From S. C. Station. Raymond Brady.

Dialogue—Mechanical Toys. Mabel Johnson, Raymond Brady, Eloise Johnson, Chester Brady, Alberta Johnson and Jerrold Brady.

Recitation—The Holly. Alvin Eulberg.

Recitation — My Kitty, Mabel Johnson.

Recitation — Country Christmas Trees. Chester Brady.

Dialogue—A Lonely Christmas Eve. Mildred Brady, Alvin Eulberg, Jerrold Brady, Beverley Sack and Kenneth Brady.

Recitation—A Joke on Santa. Jane Nix.

Recitation—On Earth! Peace. Beverley Sack.

Song—Sierra Sue. Margaret Casner.

Recitation—A Clown on Top of the Tree. Alberta Johnson.

Recitation — Hurrah! Hurrah! Kenneth Brady.

Dialogue—Peace on Earth. Entire School.

Mrs. Melton and the You Bet School pupils cordially invite the public to attend the Christmas program. Santa Claus will be there and refreshments will be served.

Downieville's Notorious Mickey Will Be Placed In The Roseville Zoo

If and when Mickey is caught, he will be taken from the wildwood of the high Sierra and be given a home behind a high wire fence.

Mickey is a spike buck and Downievill'e No. 1 problem. Several citizens have been attacked or chased by the animal, now generally considered a menace to women and children.

Mickey's fate was sealed when he attempted to break in a door of the home of Deputy Sheriff Stanley McCormick. He was chased off by dogs before the arrival of the officers.

Arrangements have been made to place the deer in the Roseville City Park but Mickey has to be caught first.

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FAST DOWNHILL SKI RUN IS GIVEN INSPECTION

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Entrance to the run will be via the Sierra Crest Ski trail running southeasterly about one and one-half miles from U. S. Highway 40 at Donner Summit toward Donner Peak. The new trail will leave the Sierra Crest trail about one half mile southwest of Donner Peak, and, after ascending the historic peak where the emigrants of '47 passed and cursed the snow, will lead the expert down a one mile long swinging course toward the canyon bottom just west of Donner Lake.

Not For Amateurs

Since very little clearing will be needed and no right of way difficulties will be encountered, according to District Ranger Snider, it is expected the trail will be placed in operation this winter for good skiers, but it will be no run for an amateur on account of its steep descent. It is hoped that the course will be ready for the California State Ski tournament this winter. It will be known, probably, as the South Donner ski trail. The Middle Donner and North Donner resort, will be best for the less expert skiers who wish to make that down-hill run and have autos pick them up near the highway.

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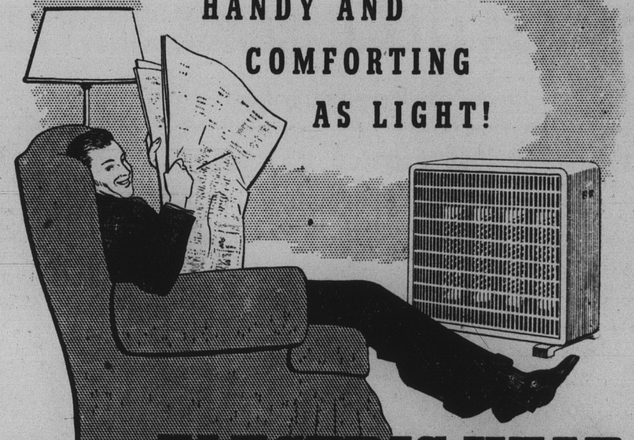

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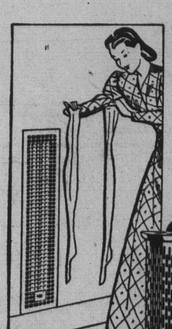

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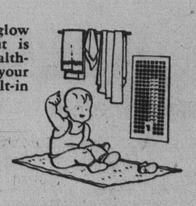

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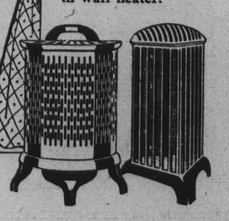

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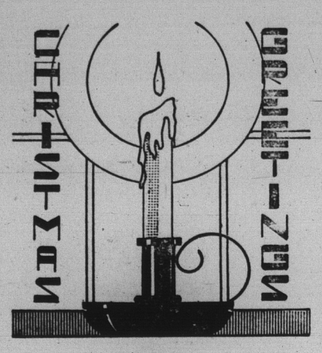

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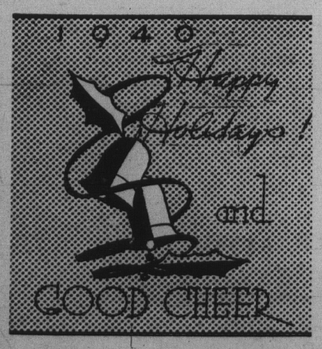

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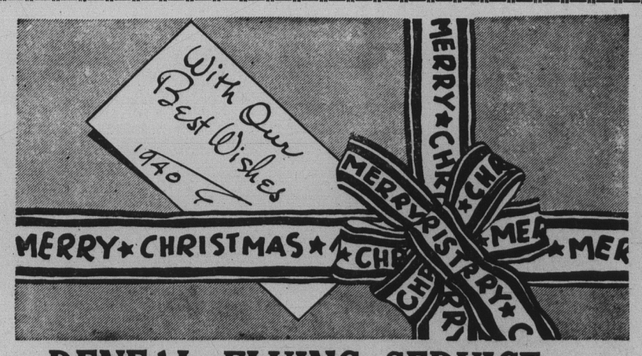

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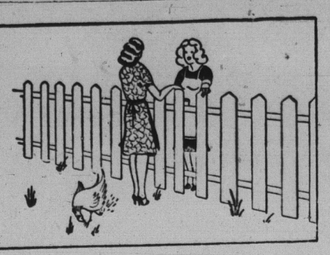

A True Story From Overseas

He was not used to speaking in public. But as Owen Jenkins, machinist in the Royal dockyards at Portsmouth, rose to address that little group of men assembled to decide whether 500,000 British engineers should walk out of their jobs in shipyards and arms plants for the sake of more money, he was not afraid.

There had been talk of the possibility of a strike for days now and Owen Jenkins had lain awake nights thinking of his two sons. One was with the R.A.F. in Greece, the other —somewhere on the North Seas— both of them risking their lives every moment of the day and night for the sake of their country. And the men in his Union who were essential to the production of munitions his sons were using were threatening to quit their jobs for the sake of a few bob a week! It was all wrong . . . he knew . . . the kind of thing that would encourage the enemy and demoralize the country itself as well as hold up needed production.

There had been a number of speeches before his turn came. Men who pounded on the table and said now was the time for the working man to get what was coming to him! Now was the time when no one would dare to stand against them! And then, Owen Jenkins rose. He didn't talk very long. . . . He spoke very quietly but what he said came from his heart. He told them of his two boys whom he had hoped would never have to go to any war. But they had been gone for months now. "When they come home again . . as please God they may. . . . What could I say to them if I stopped working now while they are fighting? Is a few bob all that matters in this world?" . . . And then, "Are we prepared to supply the enemy commentators with proof for the outside world that the engineers of Britain want to strike?"

They heard him out and at the end there was a deep rumble of sympathetic applause. Jack Tanner, also of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, endorsed Jenkins' work, asking "Are we at this critical time to withdraw our work when defenses are needed and when our members and our families need defense?"

So the strike was voted down and the work being done by those 500,000 skilled men continued and England was that much stronger because one man realized clearly that the workmen of a nation in a modern war play as vitel a art in Defense as the armed forces—that it is as necessary for Industry to carry on as it is for the Navy to send its ship to sea or the Air Force to fly its fighting planes!

The Christmas card came from the English custom of calling "Merry Christmas," then later to write congratulatory letters.

The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is of one in Strasburg, Germany, 1605.

Ham & Eggs for Christmas

by RAY PARKS

FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's grilled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was, the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-by to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're comin'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind if I use your 'phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite worried. Something was on his mind.

"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

"Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

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Beginning of the New Year

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

Candy Canes at Colley's Confectionery.

SALES TAX MAY SOON OVERTAKE STATE DEFICIT

BY JOHN W. DUNLAP
United Press Staff Correspondent

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23—(U.P.)—Like a healthy shot in the arm, mounting expenditures for national defense are boosting state revenues like a thermometer on a hot day.

There are other factors helping the financial gains, and general reemployment is the biggest, but the defense money is something you can put your finger on. Chief beneficiary is the state sales tax, those odd pennies paid on so many everyday transactions.

For example, the normal revenue from the sales tax comprises almost exactly 50 per cent of the revenue coming into the general fund. For the current biennium ending next June 30, the sales tax will represent 53.6 per cent—the rather staggering total of $1943,00,000—and for the next biennium, it may easily come close to 44 per cent.

The sales tax is the best barometer of business conditions because the return to the state is so quick. The 90-day limit on sales tax accounts gives a rapid indication of how much money is going over the state's business counters.

The department of finance recently estimated that general fund revenues in the 1941-43 biennium would reach $400,000,000. That this was not a wild guess is borne out by figures compiled by the state controller for use in computing registered warrant accounts. The total estimated revenue for the current biennium is $362,175,000, and the predicted 10 per cent increase would place it pretty close to the four hundred milion mark.

The average man in the street has no conception of finances when the million dollar mark is reached, let alone 400 times that amount. So it may be news that 75 per cent of the total general fund revenue comes from the "big three" group—sales tax, personal income tax, and bank and corporation tax. Each of those three categories is benefitting from national defense expenditures, which will have a tremendous effect on the state's economy and financial welfare.

To explain a little further just where the money goes when Mr. Taxpayer receives an income tax request, or pays his sales tax, here is a simple breakdown of each tax, the estimated revenue for the current biennium, and the percentage it represents in the grand total:

Retail sales and use tax, $194,300,000, 53.6; bank, corporation franchise tax, $42,500,000, 11.7; personal income tax, $38,000,000, 10.5; alcohol beverage tax and licenses, $24,100,000, 6.7; motor vehicle license fees (in lieu tax), $10,900,000, 3.0; inheritance tax, $21,600,000 6.0; insurance tax, $15,500,000, 4.3; motor transport tax, $5,100,00, 1.4; private car company tax, $850,000, 0.2; gift tax, $525,000, 0.1; miscellenaous, $8,800,00 2.5. Total $362,175,000.

Another positive indication that conditions are improving is seen in the comparison of revenue in the first five months of the 1940-41 fiscal year, and the same period of 1941-32. The first period totaled $80,254,000, while the estimated return for the same five months in the next fiscal year was $81,430,000, chiefly due to the bulge in sales tax figures.

The activities of Governor Olson in Washington have aroused various speculations back in his home state. The governor announced he was interested chiefly in talking to department of interior officials and the president about making the Central Valley Project a "little TVA"; check-in on the WPA, and the Colorado river basin situation.

Then Richard Olson, the Governor's son, bobbed up in the national capital and the wires buzzed that a federal job was being sought for him.

One radio commentator was pretty sure the governor wanted the job as ambassador to Mexico.

Another source heard that he wanted to be secretary of labor.

The rumors are a dime a dozen, apparently, with the governor the lone authority on just what was in his mind when he bought a roundtrip ticket for the east coast.

Transfer of Seright's Interest in Wear Mine Recorded at Court House

The transfer of Al Seright's interest in the Wear Mine to C. W. Worthley has been recorded at the court house here. Seright will no longer be connected in the operation of the mine, which is located in the Remington Hill section of the Washington mining district.

CARD OF THANKS

In appreciation of the many kindnesses, the sympathy, assistance, and floral offerings of his friends and former comrades in the last illness and passing of Alfred J. Eddy, and especially for the great service of the American Legion, in our bereavement, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

THE EDDY FAMILY.

Apparently there is only one thing in this world that runs over more people than the automobile, comments James M. Carter, Director of Motor Vehicles, and that is the airplane.

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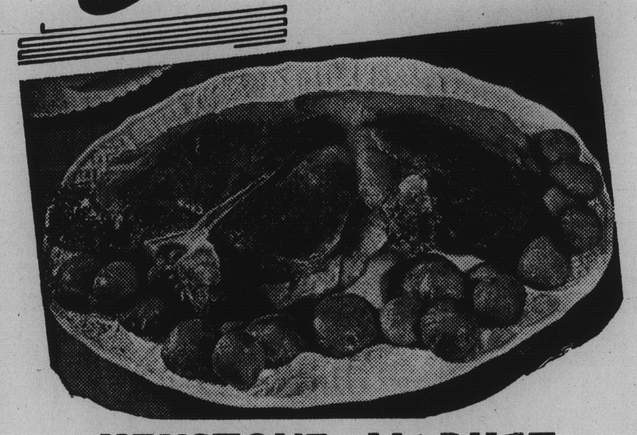
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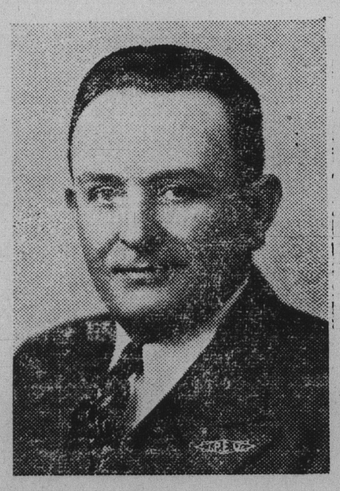

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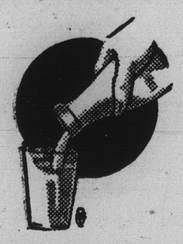

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 7572
SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada.

H. WARD SHELDON, Attorney-at-Law, Nevada City, California.
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

JOHN T. WILLIAMS, and JENNIE WILLIAMS, his wife, Plaintiffs,
vs.
JAMES B. BOWER, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of George P. Bower, also known as George P. Bowers, and also known as G. P. Bower, deceased; JOHN DOE, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property, described in the complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title there to,
Defendants.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

JAMES B. BOWER, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of George P. Bower, also known as G. P. Bower, and also known as George P. Bowers, deceased, JOHN DOE, and also all other persons unknown claming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiffs' ownership or any cloud upon plaintiffs' title there to—Defendants.

You and each of you are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada within ten (10) days after the service upon you of this Summons, if served within the County of Nevada, or within thirty (30) days if served elsewhere.

You are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required the said plaintiffs will take judgment against you for any money or damage demanded in the Complaint as arising upon contract, or they will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint;

The said action is brought by the above named plaintiffs against the above named defendants, and each of them, to quiet the plaintiffs' title to the lands and real property described in the Complaint on file in the said action and hereinafter particularly described, and to determine the adverse claims of the above named defendants, and each of them, and of all unknown persons to, and clouds upon the title to the said real property and the whole thereof, pursuant to the provisons of Sections 749, 750 and 751 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of California, and that the said real property it situate, lying and being in the County of Nevada, State of California, and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All that portion of the East Half (E½) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Eight (8) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly right of way line of the California State Highway between Nevada City and Grass Valley said point being located South 17° 58′ East 1077.49 feet from the southwest corner of Nevada City Townsite; thence South 64° 09′ East 529.00 feet; thence South 47° 55′ East 106.65 feet; thence South 35° 11′ East 157.70 feet to a point on the westerly side of the Lower Grass Valley Road (so-called) thence North 28° 43′ East 230.00 feet and North 22° 04′ East 112.47 feet along said road to the southeasterly corner of the lot owned by Benj. Hall; thence North 73° 12′ West 298.23 feet along the southerly line of the Hall lot; thence North 15° 23′ East 159.36 feet along the westerly line of the Hall lot; thence North 82° 22′ East 329.59 feet along the Northerly line of the Hall lot to a point on the westerly side of said Lower Grass Valley Road; thence North 12° 16′ East 614.72 feet along the westerly side of the said Lower Grass Valley road to the southeasterly corner of the Green lot; thence North 79° 21′ West 173.24 feet along the southerly line of the Green lot; thence North 12° 55′ East 289.41 feet along the westerly line of the Green lot; thence North 38° 17′ West 18.73 feet; thence South 56° 41′ West 362.45 feet to the most Northerly corner of the lot owned by the State of California, and used as a Highway Maintenance Station, as described in that certain deed dated August 10, 1931, recorded October 19, 1931, in Book "11" of Offici alRecords, at page 156, executed by Anna Bruce, formerly Anna Lopez Corbaley to the State of California, thence South 19° 12′ West 714.54 feet; thence North 70° 29′ West 265.09 feet to a point on the easterly line of said State Highway; and thence South 19° 38′ West 321.42 feet along said State Highway to the place of commencement.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: (a) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated October 10, 1938, recorded October 14, 1938, in Book "46" of Official Records, pages 403 et seq., executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Walter J. Pease and Virginia M. Pease, his wife, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(b) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated October 1, 1938, recorded October 14, 1938, in Book "46" of Official Records, at page 404, executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Walter H. Daniels and Etta A. Daniels, his wife, and John J. Looser and Katherine M. Looser, his wife, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(c) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated December 29, 1938, recorded January 7, 1939, in Book "50" of Official Records, at page 78, executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Thomas Keckler and Margie Keckler, his wife as joint tenants, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(d) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated August 10, 1939, recorded August 16, 1939, in Book 54 of Official Records, at page 183, executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Walter H. Daniels and Etta A. Daniels, his wife, and John J. Looser and Katherine M. Looser, his wife, as joint tenants, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(e) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated July 15, 1939, recorded July 22, 1939, in Book "56" of Official Records, at page 42, executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Walter H. Daniels and Etta A. Daniels, his wife, and John J. Looser and Katherine M. Looser, his wife, as joint tenants, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(f) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated March 27, 1939, recorded March 27, 1939, in Book "52" of Official Records, at page 96, executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Walter H. Daniels and Etta A. Daniels, his wife, and John J. Looser and Katherine M. Looser, his wife, as joint tenants, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(g) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated March 13, 1939, recorded March 16, 1939, in Book "50" of Official Records, at pages 327 et seq., executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to John J. Looser and Walter H. Daniels, as joint tenants, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

(h) That certain parcel of land as conveyed by the deed dated November 13, 1939, recorded November 13, 1939, at 10 hours, 26 minutes o'clock A. M. in Book 54 of Official Records at page 491, Filing No. 4130, executed by John T. Williams and Jennie Williams, his wife, to Oliver W. Russell and Marjorie Russell, his wife, as joint tenants, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

That the object of the said action is to obtain the judgment of this Court against the said defendants and each one of them known and unknown as follows:

That all adverse claims to, and all clouds upon the title of the plaintiffs in the said real property or any and every part thereof be determined by the judgment and decree of the said Court, and that it be decreed that plaintiffs are the sole owners in fee of said real property and the whole thereof of the said real property herein described, being the same real property described in the Complaint of plaintiffs on file herein, and that plaintiffs are in the possession of the property and entitled to the possession of the said real property, and the whole thereof, and that the said defendants have not, and that no one of the said defendants, including the unknown persons made defendants herein, have any right, title, estate, lien or interest of any kind whatsoever in or to or on the said real property or any part thereof, and that the said defendants and each and every one of them, known and unknown be forever debarred, enjoined and restrained from making or asserting any claim whatsoever in or to the real property or any part thereof, adverse to plaintiffs, and that the title of the said plaintiffs in and to the said real property and the whole thereof be forever quieted and adjudged good and valid, and for such other and further additional order, judgment, decree and general relief as is meet and proper in the premises.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, this 27th day of December, 1939.
(SEAL)

R. N. McCORMACK,
Clerk of the said Superior Court.
By R. E. DEEBLE, Deputy Clerk.
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23.

THINKING OUT LOUD

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ces of which they happen to have a monopoly or near monopoly, and which are necessary to the living standards of less fortunate peoples. We have long believed that Secretary of State Cordell Hull has been a convert to this economic philosophy. For political reasons he has been timid in expounding it, but his reciprocal treaties are a step toward leveling those barriers which are so prolific in world dissention. His actions indicate his thought.

This is one view regarding conditions upon which universal peace may be attained. We firmly believe that until leadership throughout the world agrees that the good things of earth shall be shared fairly by all peoples, under some sort of international tribunal whose decisions shall be respected, we have no alternative but wars, in which underdogs struggle to become top dogs. This Christmas thought we leave with those who think upon the invocation: "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward men."

'NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS' WAS WRITTEN IN 1822

(By Elizabeth Cherry Pateman)

During the Christmas season in 1822, a dignified professor of Oriental and Hebrew literature was riding home in his sleigh having just completed a shopping tour for his six small children. His mind usually occupied with deeper subjects, was dwelling on Christmas trees, presents and St. Nicolaus. Rhymes danced through his head, and he began to compose a poem.

That evening he entered his living room where his children were gathering around the fireplace and began to read,

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," Dr. Clement Clarke Moore continued, telling about tiny reindeer, sugar plums, and jolly St. Nick.

The author of this delightful Christmas poem had also analyzed Thomas Jefferson's ideas on religion, and had compiled a "Compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language" with an explanation of every word in the Psalms. And it was because of these scholarly writings that caused Dr. Moore displeasure when his Christmas poem, which he wrote only for the amusement of his own children, was published, even though it was published anonymously. In fact, it was not until twenty two years later that he admitted the poem as his own work, and included it in his writings. By that time "The Night Before Christmas" had been printed many times in newspapers. Today it is published in nearly all languages and in Braille for the use of the blind.

Clement Clarke Moore was born in 1779, Chelsea Square, New York City. He helped found General Theological Seminary, which is located on Chelsea Square, and was a professor there for nearly thirty years.

Every year, on Christmas Eve, the people of Chelsea hold a candlelight celebation on the site of the professor's orchard. At this celebration, all who are gathered there hear "The Night Before Christmas," and watch hundreds of underpriviliged children receive gifts in honor of Dr. Moore.

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A shower honoring Mrs. Ila Shearer was given last Thursday afternoon at the Deschwanden home in Gold Flat. Mrs. Vernie Deschwanden and Mrs. Gypsy King were the hostesses.

Mrs. Shearer is to leave soon with her husband and family for Oakland where Shearer will be employed.

Those attending the shower were: Mesdames Marie McGuire, Martha Elliott, Alvera Rore, Margaret Bosworth, Lucille White, Lucille Hamilton, Genevieve Cozzalio, Marcella Deschwanden, Lola Sisson, Vernie Deschwanden, and Gypsy King and Misses Margaret Shearer, Rolene Shearer and Vernie Deschwanden.

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The annual Christmas party of the women employees of the county courthouse, held at the Bramble Bush in Grass Valley, also served as an event announcing the engagement of Miss Gertrude Jones, deputy county assessor.

Miss Jones will wed Sanford Halcomb, who is engaged in the lumber business in Oakland, in the near future.

The bride to be, a graduate of the Nevada City High School, is a daughter of Mrs. T. D. Jones of this city. She has been deputy county assessor for many years.

Halcomb is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Halcomb of Santa Cruz.

Those present at the Christmas and engagement party were:

Mesdames Anna Tucker, Gertrude Esterly, Ida Guenther, Ella M. Austin, and Sylvia Mosher; Misses Elma Hecker, Bernice Clemo, Jean Rowe, Florence Tisher, Gertrude Wilde, Gertrude Jones, Lois Winslow, Marion Kitts, Elizabeth Brisebill and Marion Newberry.

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SUNDAY AND MONDAY

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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til the whole world would realize the signifiance of the Incarnation. The coming of Jesus is God's major revelation to the human race. When God gave Jesus to the world, He gave Himself. It was the giver giving the gift and in that act becoming the giver and gift. We give gifts, but they are not us. That is the difference.

That there is something radically wrong in the world at this very hour, no right thinking person will ever doubt. When crime and disregard for God is rampant everywhere, when bitterness, hatred and war rage on land, on sea and in the air. When every nation is in war in one way or the other. When Democracy is threatened and the Ceasers and the Herods are trying to shatter everything that Christianity stands for. One nation says that Christianity is an opiate, another nation has dethroned God and are worshipping at the feet of the god of war Mars. All nations are either in war or are rushing into war. What kind of a Christmas shall these nations have? They are not looking for the Star of Bethlehem. They are not listening to the angelic choir singing "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" It is rather listening for the siren shriek and then the rush to the shelters from the destructive havoc of bursting bombs. It is not only into the jaws of death, into the mouth of hell, plunged the six hundred, but the millions are plunging at this Christmas time into the jaws of death and into the mouth of hell. Woe be to the nation or nations who are guilty in the sight of God for launching the world into this barbarous war. It were better that such nations had never existed. O, God when shall we cease our brutal and fiendish ways! Shall we continue to blot out our civilization and defy God? We can go on without God into entire destruction not caring how we thwart His purposes or frustrate His plans? Or can we, by the guiding hand of God, cease our evil ways and bring in a new day of universal peace and world brotherhood? It is Babel towers or Bethlehem's manager. Which shall it be?

O Thou babe of Bethlehem, thou man of Nazereth, thou Christ of Calvaryy, the Savior of the world may we see that guiding Star in the East and follow until we find the Christ. May our ears be opened so we may hear the angelic choir sing again that great Christmas carol of joy, of peace, and goodwill and may we follow the Christ of Christmas until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Christ. He is the hope of the world.

We close this little Christmas message by a verse or two from Longfellow's poem "Christmas Bells".

"And in dispair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth" I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
"Of peace on earth, good will to men"

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
"The strong shall fail, the right prevail.
"With peace on earth good will to men!

"Till, ringing, singing on its way,
"The world revolved from night to day,
"A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
"Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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